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## Retired Israeli diplomat takes critical stance on Obama in Ottawa speech

By Diane Koven

On a Passover visit to Ottawa, Yoram Ettinger, a retired Israeli ambassador, spoke about the new Obama administration in Washington with words of caution, pessimism and concern.

Ettinger was the guest speaker at the seventh annual Passover luncheon hosted by the Ottawa chapter of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University (CFHU) April 14 at Agudath Israel Congregation.

Ettinger served as minister for

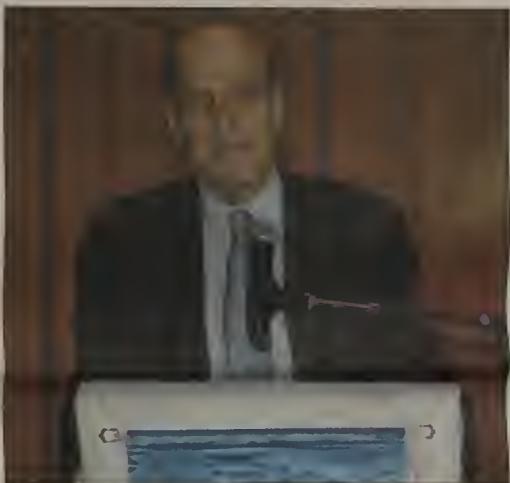
congressional affairs at Israel's embassy in Washington, as Israel's consul general in Houston, Texas, and as director of the Israel Government Press Office. He is now a consultant to members of Israel's cabinet and Knesset and regularly briefs U.S. legislators and congressional staff on Israel's contributions to vital U.S. interests, on the root causes of Islamic terrorism and on other issues of bilateral concern.

*Co-operation or Collision? Israeli-Western Post-Elections Re-*

*lations* was Ettinger's topic reflecting the fact that both the United States and Israel have recently held election which put new administrations in place.

"This is the first time since 1776 that the American president does not emanate from the common Judeo-Christian background," said Ettinger, implying that Obama may not have the sensibility and understanding toward Israel that previous presidents have had.

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Yoram Ettinger addresses the CFHU Passover luncheon April 14 at Agudath Israel.  
(Photo: Sylvia Klein)



### High school Jewish Culture Clubs press for action on Darfur genocide

NCSY held Passover for Darfur programs this month at its Jewish Culture Clubs at Canterbury High School, Merivale High School and Sir Robert Borden High School. Students learned about the genocide occurring in Darfur and how it relates to Passover. Above, Merivale students, led by Bram Bregman, executive director of NCSY Ottawa, call the Prime Minister's Office to express their desire for the Canadian government to take a stronger role in ending the genocide in Darfur.

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## BBC reports growing anti-Semitism in Canada

By Michael Regenstreif

There were 1,135 anti-Semitic incidents across Canada reported to the League for Human Rights (LHR) of B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) in 2008. The organization released its annual audit of anti-Semitic incidents in Canada March 31 at an Ottawa press conference.

The total number of incidents across the country rose 8.9 per cent from the 2007 total of 1,042. There were 62 anti-Semitic inci-

dents reported in Ottawa in 2008, a rise of 3.3 per cent from the 60 incidents reported the previous year. The total national number of incidents has trended higher every year over the past decade, except 2005, with the number of reported incidents in 2008 quadrupling from the 1999 benchmark.

In presenting the findings, BBC Executive Vice-President Frank Dimant said the current economic downturn has stimulated

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## Dimant cites 'coalition of hatred' in rise of anti-Semitism

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ed the traditional scapegoating of Jews that has happened historically in bad economic times and noted that 547 of the incidents – almost half of the 2008 total – took place in the last four months of the year after the world economic crisis set in. Dimant said the high-profile Bernard Madoff financial scandal contributed to the anti-Semitic scapegoating that took place in the final third of the year.

Dimant also pointed to what he described as a "coalition of hate" whose anti-Israel activities have also contributed to growing anti-Semitism in Canada. The "coalition," said Dimant includes Canadian-based supporters of the Hamas and Hezbollah

terrorist organizations, radical Islamists, the Canadian Arab Federation and radical academics and unions. Dimant named CUPE Ontario as an example of one such union.

Dimant said the "coalition" was "poisoning the harmony and tranquility we once enjoyed in Canada."

Dimant also pointed to a growing problem of anti-Semitism on Canadian university campuses.

"It's a frightening thought," he said, that Jewish students in Canada must carefully consider whether or not they'll wear a kippah or a Star of David on campus out of fear they'll become targets of anti-Semitism.

In the breakdown of the 62 Ottawa-area anti-Semitic incidents last year, 44 were cases of harassment, 17 were cases of vandalism and one was a case of violence.

Karen Lazar, BBC's national communications director, told the *Bulletin* that the violent Ottawa incident was "an ugly encounter on a university campus that led to an assault of a Jewish student. It took place in March 2008."

Although the total number of reported anti-Semitic incidents rose for the entire country, different regions reported very different statistics from one another.

The number of incidents in the four Atlantic provinces fell to 19 in 2008 from 23 in 2007, a decrease of 17.4 per cent.

There was also a decrease of 19.3 per cent in the Montreal area, home to Canada's second largest Jewish community, where the number of incidents fell to 201 from 249. A year ago, the LHR audit had pointed to Quebec's Bouchard-Taylor Commission on reasonable accommodation for providing "a lightening rod for public expression of open bigotry and petty grievances against the province's minorities, including the Jewish community."

In regions of Quebec outside the Montreal area there was an increase of 4.8 per cent as the number of incidents rose to 44

from 42.

The Greater Toronto Area (GTA), home to Canada's largest Jewish community, had the most number of incidents at 538, a sharp increase of 26 per cent from the 2007 total of 427.

Ontario regions outside the GTA and Ottawa areas recorded a decrease of 13.7 per cent as the number of anti-Semitic incidents fell to 82 from 95.

The number of incidents also fell in Manitoba to 34 from 41, a decrease of 17.1 per cent.

The Manitoba figures are in sharp contrast, though, with the rest of Western Canada. Saskatchewan went to 25 in 2008 from 16 incidents in 2007, an increase of 56.3 per cent, while Alberta's number rose to 50 from 28, an increase of 78.6 per cent. There were 80 anti-Semitic incidents in British Columbia in 2008, an increase of 31.1 per cent from the 61 incidents there in 2007.

No anti-Semitic incidents were reported in Canada's three northern territories.

The report concludes that Canada's civility is being threatened by "hatreds, both home-grown and imported" and calls on Canada to "act now" rather than hiding "under the cloak of multiculturalism" to prevent these hatreds from turning "ever more vicious and violent."

## Ettinger expresses concern over key Obama appointments

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"In the chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives, there is a statue of Moses, facing the Speaker of the House. There is also a statue of Maimonides. All the other 22 statues are in profile; only Moses is facing the Speaker ... he is the *source* and all the rest are derivatives ... the first president that does not come from that school of thought is Obama," said Ettinger.

He expressed concern with several of Obama's appointments, notably Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice and National Security Advisor James L. Jones, who, according to Ettinger, either do not understand or are

openly hostile to Israel.

"There is reason for concern when the president regards the Arab-Israeli conflict as the root cause of the turbulence in the Middle East ... [and] when one talks about a [U.S.] president who believes that the president of Iran is a partner for negotiation," said Ettinger.

"One should not conclude from my introduction that it is all doom and gloom," he continued. "Every problem is an opportunity in disguise, and so is this."

Noting that the United States is not a monarchy, and that Congress is equal to the administration, Ettinger pointed out that Congress – in particular, Christ-

ian members of Congress – has been supportive of pro-Israel legislation.

Ettinger ended his remarks by praising the work of Hebrew University.

"Anyone contributing to Hebrew University and investing in Hebrew University is enabling Hebrew University to contribute more to the whole world."

The annual CFHU Passover luncheon and guest speaker has become an eagerly anticipated Ottawa event. Nearly 200 people attended this year. The event was established to provide an opportunity for people to go out for lunch during Passover while, at the same time, availing themselves of intellectual stimulation, all in the name of a worthy cause.

"Hebrew U is such an integral part of Israel and is at the forefront of scientific and medical research, that we really want to promote it," said event co-chair Linda Slotin, who is involved with the Ottawa CFHU chapter.

## Accepting diversity

The very interesting article by Ben Harris – *New Haggadahs offer different approaches to seder*, April 6 – invites reference to the local women's seder, held this year April 2, sponsored by Jewish Family Services/Shalom Bayit.

This has become a major event with an enthusiastic attendance of 200 women. It is a concrete expression of adaptation and liberation, a major response to the birthing of modernity.

In addition to that, the article's coverage of Rabbi Peter Schweitzer and his Haggadah published by the City Congregation for Humanistic Judaism in New York is noteworthy and brings to mind the Society for Humanistic Judaism founded by the late Rabbi Sherwin Wine to ac-

knowledge the need for a voice for the rapidly developing secular Jewish community.

To quote Rabbi Schweitzer, "The diversity of Haggadahs is itself an expression of freedom."

So, too, is the acceptance of diversity.

Pearl Greenberg

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## Seymour Mayne to receive Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award

By Rebecca Margolis  
ACJS Conference Chair

Seymour Mayne will receive this year's Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award from the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies (ACJS).

Mayne is one of Canada's foremost poets and literary scholars. He has been active for close to four decades as a published poet, and has enjoyed a long and illustrious academic career in the University of Ottawa's English Department.

He is author, editor or translator of more than 50 books and monographs, and his poetry has been widely translated into French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish and Yiddish.

He has promoted Canadian letters for many years through reading groups, journals, anthologies and a wide variety of literary forums and events and has received numerous literary awards, including the J.I. Segal Prize, the ALTA Poetry Translation Award and the Canadian

Jewish Book Award.

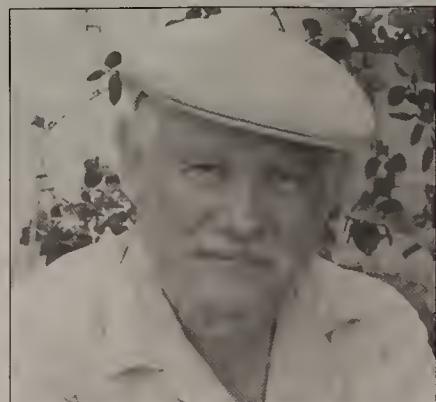
Mayne has also been instrumental in the promotion of Jewish Canadian studies. In addition to his own writing, translation and publishing in the area of Jewish Canadian literature, he rallied for many years for the establishment of a local program in Jewish Canadian Studies at uOttawa. In 2006, he oversaw the founding of the Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program. The Vered Program, which was created to promote an understanding of Jewish life, culture, language, literature and history in a Canadian context, offers an array of interdisciplinary courses in both English and French, as well as a minor in Canadian Jewish Studies. Mayne continues to serve as the program's director and most ardent promoter.

According to Concordia University professor Ira Robinson, one of the members of the ACJS award com-

mittee, "Seymour Mayne has made a truly significant contribution to our understanding of Canadian Jewry both as a judicious scholar of Canadian Jewish literature and as a distinguished poet in his own right."

York University professor Randal Schnoor, president of ACJS, commented: "It was not a difficult decision for us this year. It is a perfect time to pay tribute to Seymour Mayne, not only for his lifetime achievement in literary scholarship, poetry and translation, but also for his instrumental role in founding and directing the important Vered Program in Jewish Canadian Studies at the University of Ottawa."

The award will be presented during the banquet culminating the May 24 Community Day at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) being presented by ACJS and the



Seymour Mayne will receive the Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award May 24.

(Photo: Sharon Katz)

Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program. The kosher banquet also features a concert-lecture by Ottawa songwriter-performer Shelley Posen. The event begins at 6:00 following a full day of lectures on Jewish Canadian studies that are open to the public.

Tickets for the banquet are \$20 and are available at the SJCC front desk until May 19.

For more information on banquet tickets, contact Roslyn Wollock at 613-798-9818 ext. 254.

For more information on the Community Day, see the ACJS website at [acjs-aejc.ca](http://acjs-aejc.ca) or contact me at [rmargoli@uottawa.ca](mailto:rmargoli@uottawa.ca) or 613-562-5800, ext. 2955.

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# Too little investment in science and research threatens Israel's survival, says Nobel laureate

By Sheldon Kirshner

*Canadian Jewish News*

Israel's very existence is at stake because the Israeli government invests far too little in scientific research and education, says Israeli Nobel Prize laureate Aaron Ciechanover.

In a dire warning during a recent visit to Toronto, the outspoken scientist declared, "If we lose our technological advantage, we may not be able to survive."

He added, "Israel doesn't have natural resources. We're floating on sand, not oil. Our only resource is human. If we don't invest in research, we'll lose everything we have."

"Or we may become a Third World country," he added in a stinging rebuke of Israeli government policy.

Ciechanover, who shared the 2004 Nobel Prize in chemistry with American Irwin Rose and Israeli Avram Hershko, issued his scathing critique in an interview at the University of Toronto, where he delivered a lecture on his groundbreaking work on protein degradation.

"Unfortunately, the Israeli government is investing less and less in scientific research and relying instead on miracles, donations



Aaron Ciechanover receives the Nobel Prize for chemistry from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden at the Stockholm Concert Hall, December 10, 2004.

(Photo: Hans Mehlin)

from abroad. There is a lack of appreciation in the government for scientific research."

Ciechanover – a professor at Technion in Haifa – lamented that Israel's educational system has deteriorated in recent years, judging by test results in subjects ranging from mathematics to reading comprehension.

"It's pathetic," said Ciechanover, the director of the Technion's Rappaport Faculty of Medicine and Research Institute. "It's dis-

astrous, in my opinion. We're betraying the deepest Jewish values."

In a reference to Israel's security, he said, "We're surrounded by countries that don't recognize us. Our existence is not secure. We have to outsmart our enemies, and that will only come from education."

Again mincing no words, he observed, "Only by wisdom and cleverness can you win wars. Our defence system is completely dependent on education. Yet the president of the Technion

has told me that his budget is being cut."

Ciechanover said that Israel needs peace in order to prosper. "I hope that the people who think we can live by the sword are wrong."

In a reference to the concept of territorial compromise, he said, "We have to sacrifice for peace, divide the land in some way. I want to believe that Arab mothers want their children to grow up in peace."

Asked why Israel is not dedicating sufficient funds to maintaining its universities at the highest possible academic level, he replied, "It's a mystery. I don't know. There are all kinds of mysteries. Politicians are short-sighted. Education is a long-term enterprise."

Despite his sombre warning, Ciechanover acknowledged that the state of scientific research in Israel at present compares

favourably to that of Canada, Europe and the United States, and is far more advanced than in the Arab world.

"They're not players in the game," he said of the Arab scientific establishment. "They (Arab nations) don't invest in science and technology. I don't have Egyptian or Saudi peers."

Turning to another topic, Ciechanover lashed out at international attempts to boycott Israeli academics and universities.

"It shows a basic misunderstanding of academic life," he said. "By boycotting us, you're stopping a transfer of information. What does it achieve?"

"Academic life is based on freedom. We're talking about science, not politics. The only way to settle any problem is by talking, not by boycotting. Politics should be kept out of academia."

He himself keeps resolutely away from politics. "You don't want to touch it, even with a 10-foot stick."

Ciechanover charged that organizers of anti-Israel boycotts are anti-Semitic, pure and simple.

"First they blame Jews, and now they have Israel to blame. This is hidden anti-Semitism, a new form of anti-Semitism. These people are anti-Semites. They are motivated by anti-Semitism."

He claimed that Canadians are among the leading proponents of boycotting Israeli scholars and universities.

Ciechanover, who flew to Germany to give a lecture following his trip to Toronto, said he feels uncomfortable in that country.

"I will never forgive or forget," he said, referring to Germany's central role in the Holocaust.

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## Restructuring Hillel Academy and YRHS to revitalize Jewish education

The Ottawa Jewish community has undergone a significant amount of effort to revitalize and restructure the Jewish education system.

About a year-and-a-half ago at the Parents for Excellence in Jewish Education Conference, the leaders of Hillel Academy and Yitzhak Rabin High School had informal meetings about increasing ties for the betterment of both schools. After consultation with the Federation, a memorandum of understanding was initiated whereby collaboration would begin to form a new structure encompassing both schools. With the help of all three bodies, we are in the process of revitalizing and significantly improving the educational system from kindergarten to Grade 12.

The first and most obvious benefit was the move of Yitzhak Rabin High School onto the Jewish Community Campus. Many services on the campus, including kosher restaurants and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre facilities, are now accessible to the high school students. As well, the high school students can now enter into mentorship/leadership programming with the junior students and become



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**Ed Zeligman**  
Yitzhak Rabin HS

involved with the residents of Hillel Lodge.

Technology in the classroom is becoming an essential part of teaching. The mode of transmission of knowledge has changed more in the past 10 years than in the last thousand! The main thrust of education was the transmission of knowledge from the teacher to the student. However, in today's world, knowledge is readily available at any level to anybody through the internet. The classroom teacher of the 21st century will not only transmit knowledge from the teacher to the student, but will guide the student to utilize knowledge to be productive and creative. Furthermore, technology can be used to increase the effectiveness of teaching children with adaptive and alternative methods of learning which allows schools to

be open to different students with greater success in increasing their ability to perform well at the academic level.

It is essential that institutions of learning have a transparent and continuous system of professional development. Having both a junior and senior faculty allows for greater opportunities for the continual transmission of information to improve the skills of the teachers at both schools. Increased numbers also allow for special services or consultants to be brought in to effectively train teachers to keep up with the latest and most effective ways of instruction.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of the Yitzhak Rabin students who have gone on to success at universities all over North America and Israel. They have attended the best seminaries in Israel, and have served time in the Israeli army. Yitzhak Rabin High School has trained these young women and men to be leaders in our community, knowledgeable about Judaism and respectful of all Jews regardless of affiliation. They are also equipped to counteract the rising anti-Semitism and flagrant anti-Israel rhetoric so obvious everywhere.

On a sobering note, the community must recognize that only five per cent of eligible Jewish high school-age students attend a Jewish high school. Only 20 per cent of Jewish children of educational age attend a Jewish day school. With the constant threat of assimilation and the loss of Jews who no longer identify with the Jewish community, this is a serious problem.

Bringing the schools together will result in a better school with more services for the students of our community. The issue of excellence is paramount. The administration, board and staff understand that parents are choosing to send their children to a Jewish school system and are paying significant amounts of money to educate their children. They recognize that the parents want value for their money and a high-quality, predictable educational system.

The boards of Yitzhak Rabin High School and Hillel Academy have engaged a consultant to facilitate the process of moving the schools closer together. This will be an ongoing process. The boards are committed to provide a professional, stimulating and relevant education in both the Judaic and secular fields.

## Concern for the environment is a serious Jewish issue

One of today's hot topics – with no pun intended on global warming – is the environment. Our contemporary concern for the natural world engenders serious scientific and political debates, and affects our decisions regarding just about everything big and small.

Replacing a light bulb, buying groceries, deciding on transportation, designing one's home, and building a manufacturing plant have all become complex moral dilemmas. And well they should. Human life and technology have a monumental impact on our planet, and if we want human life – all life – to remain sustainable we have to recognize the myriad ways in which we interact with and affect our environment.

This, of course, is no surprise to Judaism. Although Jews have not always seen the environment as a *Jewish issue*, and some would even argue that the Bible promotes an *anti-environmental* stand (in *Genesis* 1:28 God blesses humanity with the command "to fill the earth and master it"), the Jewish tradition, in both its classical texts and its modern writings, often presents a deep sensitivity and responsibility toward the natural world. *Genesis* 2:15 explains that the human being was placed in the Garden of Eden, "to till it and to tend it."

And could there be a clearer directive than this teaching from *Ecclesiastes Rabbah* (7:19):

*When the Blessed Holy One created the first human being, [God] took him and let him pass before all the trees of the Garden of Eden and said to him, "Look at all of my creations!"*



### From the pulpit

**Rabbi  
Charles Popky  
Agudath Israel**

*See how beautiful and wonderful they are! All that I have created, I have created for you. Take care lest you spoil and destroy My world, for if you do, there is none to fix it after you.*

We are now in the midst of *Sephirat ha-Omer* (the counting of the *Omer*), remembering the daily presentation in the Temple of a sheaf of barley from the new harvest presented each day between Pesach and Shavuot. As we recall our ancestors' connection to the land, it would be a good time for us to reflect on our connection to the land, to recognize that concern for the environment is indeed a Jewish concern and many *mitzvot* put this concern into practice.

Our upcoming celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) is yet another reminder of our connection to the natural world. Many early (and contemporary) Zionists see the return to the land as also a return to nature, and an opportunity to once again observe *mitzvot ha-teluyot ba'aretz*, the commandments that are connected to the physical land of Israel. Sadly, the modern State of Israel has had a horrible record on caring for the environment, but that is beginning to change. In the past

decade, the number of environmental organizations in the State of Israel has grown from four to over 100. Of course, Israel has long been doing serious research on agriculture and water conservation, and her tremendous scientific talent is beginning to devote the appropriate attention to Israel's serious environmental issues.

Concern for the environment is a serious issue. Concern for the environment is a serious *Jewish issue*. From the very beginning of creation we were made partners in creation, and therefore responsible for that creation. As we acknowledge God's gifts during this period between Pesach and Shavuot, let

us also accept our responsibility for caring for those gifts.

Here are just a few Internet resources on Judaism and the environment:

Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL) – [coejl.org](http://coejl.org)

Green Change – [greenchange.co.il/](http://greenchange.co.il/) English Jewish National Fund – [jnif.org](http://jnif.org)

And a couple of books:

*The Way Into Judaism and the Environment* by Jeremy Bernstein (Jewish Lights Publishing)

*Judaism and Ecology* edited by Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Harvard University Press).



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Canada

## Ettinger's attack on Obama was off base

I was taken by surprise when I read Diane Koven's page 1 report on the speech made by retired Israeli diplomat Yoram Ettinger at the Passover luncheon hosted by Canadian Friends of Hebrew University on April 14. According to Ettinger, Barack Obama is the first-ever American president who "does not emanate from the common Judeo-Christian background ... the first president who does not come from that school of thought."

When I told Diane how shocked I was at Ettinger's comment, she told me that my shock was shared by many in the room that day at Agudath Israel. It's common knowledge that Obama grew up a Christian, that he's never practised any other religion. The 'Obama is a Muslim' canard that was used as a scare tactic during the campaign has been thoroughly discredited. As for the "Judeo" part of his values, Obama has talked about how influenced he has been by Jewish concepts of social justice. And, just this month, Obama became the first sitting president in American history to host a Passover seder in the White House.

Diane's report goes on to discuss Ettinger's concern that several key officials in the Obama administration do not understand Israel or are openly hostile. Ettinger mentions Susan Rice, Obama's UN ambassador and James Jones, his national security adviser.

I was surprised to see Rice's name men-



### Editor

Michael Regenstreif

tioned in that context. After the election, JTA had a story about Obama's national security team being dominated by pro-Israel figures. Susan Rice was the first name mentioned. In her confirmation hearings, Rice discussed how unfairly Israel has been treated at the UN.

As for Jones, there have been references to him in a couple of JTA pieces published while Benjamin Netanyahu was putting together his new coalition government.

"Insiders argue Netanyahu's bottom-up approach to Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking parallels that of General James Jones, Obama's national security adviser. Both have said in recent interviews that they favour building infrastructure before advancing to final-status talks," said one article.

"Netanyahu heralded his relationships and meetings with U.S. figures from President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to national security adviser James Jones and special Mideast peace envoy George Mitchell," said the other.

In her report, Diane quotes Ettinger as saying Obama regards the Arab-Israeli conflict as the root cause of Middle Eastern turbulence. When I searched to find any record of Obama saying something along those lines, all I could find was Ettinger's own pronouncements to that effect. In fact, in looking through countless reports of what Obama has had to say about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, I could find nothing inconsistent with moderate Zionism.

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I attended the Free Thinking Film Society's screening of the film, *The Case for Israel* featuring Alan Dershowitz, on April 13 at Library and Archives Canada. Always a compelling speaker, Dershowitz eloquently shows how support for Israel – and the two-state solution – is the only logical choice when looking at the Palestinian-Israeli conflict from a human rights perspective.

This film should be seen by everyone involved in Israel advocacy at any level. The film society's Fred Litwin has a license to show the film in Ottawa through the end of 2009 and organizations or schools who'd like to arrange a screening can contact him at [fred.litwin@gmail.com](mailto:fred.litwin@gmail.com).

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This issue of the *Bulletin* went to press

just before the Durban II conference was to get underway April 20 in Geneva. I expect we'll have summary coverage of the conference from JTA to publish in our next issue (May 11). We'll also have coverage of the Yom HaShoah events in Ottawa on April 20 and 21.

Speaking of our next issue, it will include a special section celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'Ir, now known as the Jewish Federation of Ottawa.

Also coming next issue is the debut of *Did You Know*, Benita Baker's monthly column about interesting coming and goings, noteworthy accomplishments, etc. of people in the Ottawa Jewish community. Benita needs your information, tidbits and tips.

You can e-mail her at [didyouknowottawa@gmail.com](mailto:didyouknowottawa@gmail.com).

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Finally, Israel's 61st Yom Ha'Atzmaut is this week. As has become a tradition here, the biggest community party of the year will be held at the Civic Centre.

This year's Yom Ha'Atzmaut event also celebrates the centennial of the founding of Tel Aviv, Israel's metropolis.

It all gets underway on Wednesday, April 29 at 5:00 pm.

## Harper's quest to make the Tories the Natural Governing Party

Whether or not it will ever again earn the title, a history of electoral success and longevity in power throughout the 20th Century gave the Liberal Party of Canada the nickname *Natural Governing Party*.

For most of the past hundred years or so, the Conservatives, in their various permutations, sat in the opposition benches like kids looking through the window of a candy store, drooling over the chocolate bars – or, maybe, cabinet posts – on the other side.

On those rare occasions when Conservatives did win power, they often did so in dramatic fashion, by forging coalitions of otherwise dissimilar voters and politicians united in populist anger against the perceived arrogance, elitism and corruption of the Liberal Party.

In fact, Conservatives – well, Progressive Conservatives, actually – won the two biggest electoral victories in Canadian history this way. John Diefenbaker's 1958 victory and Brian Mulroney's 1984 win remain the only historical instances of a party winning more than 200 seats in the House of Commons.

In both of those examples, the party governed for a few years before the unlikely coalitions that brought it to power collapsed spectacularly handing that power back to the Natural Governing Liberal Party for many more years.



Alan Echenberg

Mulroney's coalition of western populists, Quebec nationalists and Ontario fiscal conservatives collapsed thoroughly by the 1993 election with the coalition splitting into three separate entities. Its western supporters migrated to the Reform Party and most of its Quebec contingent followed Lucien Bouchard into the Bloc Québécois. What was left of the Progressive Conservatives managed to elect just a rump caucus of two MPs to the House of Commons.

When Stephen Harper came back into politics a few years ago, after some time as a lobbyist, he had a few long-term goals for the conservative movement in this country:

- 1) Reunite conservatives into a single party;
- 2) Win power;
- 3) Turn the Conservatives into the Natural Governing Party and the Liberals into the jealous kids with their noses up against the candy store window.

He accomplished the first two goals, the record will show. The third one, though, is

still a work in progress.

For a while, Harper seemed to be doing well on the reverse-the-historical-trend front. The discipline of power – and the discipline meted out by the Prime Minister's Office – seemed to be keeping Conservative MPs in check, the more controversial views of some of their members kept far from public earshot. In winning and keeping power, the Harper Conservatives made headway with traditionally Liberal ethnic groups, with Quebec nationalists, and with voters in many formerly solid Liberal Ontario ridings.

And even though Harper has now failed in three attempts to win a majority government, his party has increased its vote share in each of the past three federal elections, and has faced a Liberal opposition that has looked nothing like a Natural Governing Party for several years.

But is the Tory tide beginning to turn?

The Liberal Party, under new leadership since its ill-fated attempt to form a coalition government with the NDP late last year, are up in the polls and looking more disciplined and united than they have in years. On the other hand, Conservative Party fault lines – which may have always been there, but hidden from public scrutiny – have become more and more apparent in recent weeks.

The party's social conservative wing,

which Stephen Harper has tried to keep far from view, showed itself to still be a force when a couple of MPs – including Gary Goodyear, the science minister – made public statements questioning evolution.

The fault line between conservative principles and crass politics was exposed a bit more fully recently when Ian Brodie, Harper's former chief of staff, made some candid public statements about how the party formulated election policies like the GST cut.

Rare leaks from the Conservative caucus revealed a party split on the PC/Reform line over the legacy and treatment of former prime minister Mulroney.

The global economic crisis has exposed another fault line, as the Conservative Party swallowed its fiscal philosophies in order to stimulate its way into multi-year deficits.

Harper made great headway in Quebec, which enabled him to take power, but the cultural fault line there may now be too big for the Tories to breach.

It's sometimes easy to forget that the Canadian conservative movement was bitterly divided only a few short years ago. Harper's historical legacy may well be tied to how successfully he manages to keep the party united – and on the better side of the candy store window – over the next while.

Alan Echenberg is TVOntario's Parliamentary bureau chief.

## Yom Ha'Atzmaut 61: What will our grandchildren say at 120?

By Richard Pearlstone

(JTA) – In January, the Jewish Agency renovated some 300 bomb shelters in the south of Israel. With the increased range of rockets from Gaza hitting Ashdod and Be'er Sheva – the first time these cities came under rocket attack since the 1948 War of Independence – it was time for some renovation.

Visiting these refurbished bomb shelters or watching kids as they practice taking cover in them gives one a

sense of déjà vu. Today the Jewish Agency is able to provide colour TV and air conditioners in the shelters, an improvement over a transistor radio and a fan. But a bomb shelter is still a bomb shelter and a rocket still a rocket.

Which makes me wonder: As Israel celebrates its 61st year of independence, what would my grandfather, Joseph Meyerhoff, think if he saw Israel now?

As he sat huddled with David Ben-Gurion in 1950

contemplating how to get urgently needed capital into Israel – he subsequently started Israel Bonds – my grandfather wouldn't have imagined driving today north of Tel Aviv to Israel's high-tech hub or inside Intel's micro-processing factory in Kiryat Gat. He wouldn't have imagined Israel boasting of 4,000 high-tech companies and more than 100 venture-capital funds.

Nor would he have imagined that alongside this

boom, a growing socio-economic divide and an unprecedented number of children living in poverty.

It also would have been hard to think of the Jewish Agency partnering with Cisco to offer a three-year course giving high school students in underprivileged areas a computer technician's certificate, so they can make their way into technical units in the army.

Today, instead of kibbutzim and development towns built by the Jewish Agency during our grandparents' heyday in the 1950s and '60s, we are finding young communities built by college students in socio-economically challenged areas of Israel. When they aren't studying, members of these young communities are mentoring at-risk youth, volunteering at the local council and participating in projects to improve the area. These students call themselves the Zionist pioneers of the 21st century.

Would our grandparents have imagined that Jews would continue to find a haven in Israel in 2009 from countries as diverse as Germany, Georgia and Yemen? Would they have imagined the busloads and planeloads of Jewish youth from all over the world coming to Israel on Birthright or to study for a year on a MASA program?

Finally, if they believed Israel were to reach its seventh decade, my grandfather's generation would have assumed there would be

quiet, if not peace, and that Israel would not at once be facing Kassam rockets from Gaza and a nuclear threat from Iran. I don't think they would have envisioned us renovating bomb shelters in 2009.

But the really interesting question is: what will Israel look like 60 years from now, when our grandchildren are where we are today? That's the unwritten part of the story; that's the part we are writing today.

It's easy to lose sight of

this amidst our daily lives, personal and communal turbulence, especially during these times of economic challenge. But if we keep on course, especially when it is difficult, come Israel's 120th Independence Day our grandchildren will look back with pride on what we did just as we look back on the generation that founded the state.

*Richard Pearlstone is chairman of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel.*

## Notice of Annual General Meeting



The Jewish Federation of Ottawa will hold its 75th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building. The entire Jewish community of Ottawa is invited to attend.

Section 17.1B of the by-laws state that "At least thirty (30) days before the annual general meeting, the board of directors shall send the Nominating Committee report to each Full Member and invite each Full Member to provide the President and Chief Executive Officer, at least fourteen (14) days before the annual meeting, the name of any additional candidates which he/she wishes to nominate, together with a letter of support from five (5) other Full Members of the Corporation and a statement by the candidate of interest and qualifications."

The Board of Directors proposed the following individuals be elected to serve a term of two (2) years as members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa:

Doma Dolansky Chair  
Debbie Weiss Vice Chair  
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Lisa Rosenkrantz

The following individuals were elected to serve a term of two (2) years as members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa in June 2008:

(serving until June 2010)  
Bonnie Merovitz

Allan Moscovitch  
Jeff Polowin  
Ian Sherman

The Chair will appoint two (2) individuals to serve as members at large of the Board of Directors.

Ex-officio members of the Board of Directors include:

Jonathan Freedman Immediate Past Chair  
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Mitchell Bellman President and CEO

The Full Members of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa include one representative of each funded agency; each of the Pulpit Rabbis; a representative of each community synagogue; a representative of every local Jewish community organization that is not a funded agency; and the President of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

In addition, the Board of Directors will appoint fifteen (15) Full Members at Large within thirty days of the AGM.

The Full Members are responsible for electing the Board of Directors and for approving the Strategic and Business Plans.

Please address any questions to Mitchell Bellman at 613-798-4696, ext 224 or at [mbellman@jewishottawa.com](mailto:mbellman@jewishottawa.com)

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Ottawa JNF presents the award winning film  
*Colours of My Father: A Portrait of Sam Borenstein* with original art and a talk by his daughter May 11 at the SJCC

Ottawa JNF is very pleased to present another in our series of special art related events on May 11 at 7:00 PM at the Soloway JCC. *Colours of My Father: A Portrait of Sam Borenstein* is an inspired animated film celebrating the art and life of Sam Borenstein, Canada's greatest expressionist painter. Directed and animated by the artist's daughter, Joyce Borenstein, the film won numerous international prizes, including the Genie Award for Best Short Documentary. It also received an Oscar nomination for Best Documentary Short.

Joyce Borenstein will be on hand to present the film and discuss it and her father's art. We are also fortunate that several original works by the artist will be shown at this event. Light refreshments will be served, and there is an admission charge of *one tree*, that is, a tax receivable donation of \$18 to the Jewish National Fund. Ottawa JNF wishes to thank Carol Greenberg for once again, generously agreeing to be the sponsor of this evening and Oliver Javanpour for chairing the event.

Borenstein (1908 – 1969) was born in Lithuania and immigrated to Montreal in 1921. Described as a Canadian expressionist, he began painting in the early 1930s and, from then on, expressed his emotions on canvas with exuberant brushwork and the infinite palette of colours he found in his beloved Montreal and the neighbouring Laurentian Mountains. Like the Group of Seven, Borenstein believed in plein-air painting and his inspiration was derived from interpreting nature. But while the Group's landscapes were of remote wilderness, Borenstein's scenes are bustling with activity, people at work and at play.

Co-produced by the National Film Board, *Colours of My Father: A Portrait of Sam Borenstein* combines various animation techniques to skillfully and harmoniously integrate archival material, filmed sequences, the paintings themselves, and reminiscences of friends and family, to bring Sam Borenstein's work to life. This dazzling Academy Award nominee tells the story of a Lithuanian immigrant, who left the shtetl to escape the virulent anti-Semitism there and became a recognized painter in the New World. Sam Borenstein endured hardships in the old country and financial insecurity in his new life, but never gave up on his dream of capturing life's beauty on canvas. His daughter pays tribute to her father by recreating his dazzling painting on film using innovative animation techniques. This film glows with love of family, love of art, and an appreciation of life's possibilities.

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## Jewish chamber music series begins May 30 at Temple Israel

By Mort Bercovitch  
for Temple Israel

This year, Temple Israel celebrates Rabbi Steven Garten's 13th year as spiritual leader. From the beginning of his tenure, Rabbi Garten has been sensitive to the role of music in Temple life, liturgically and in a broader sense. To help celebrate Rabbi Garten's *Bar Mitzvah year*, Temple Israel will host a series of recitals by outstanding artists performing musical programs of particular interest to the Jewish community.

The series begins Saturday evening, May 30, with violinist Nurit Pacht, cellist Aron Zelkowicz and pianist Dina Namer performing a program of chamber music by 20th century Jewish composers.

Israeli-born violinist Pacht was selected as one of the "Stars of the Year 2000" by *Le Monde de la Musique*. Her career has since blossomed with appearances in London's Wigmore Hall, Vienna's Musikverein, Moscow's Great Hall, Washington's Kennedy Center, New York's Carnegie Hall, and The People's Hall of China in Beijing. Chosen by direc-



Violinist Nurit Pacht

tor Robert Wilson to be the featured musician in his multi-media piece *Relative Light* featuring solo violin works by John Cage and J.S. Bach. Pacht is equally at home in the standard repertoire and in the contemporary.

Cellist Zelkowicz was

born in Ottawa and pursues an active career in the U.S. as a soloist, chamber player, orchestral musician, teacher and artistic administrator. He is the founder and current director of the Pittsburgh Jewish Music Festival, which presents rare and diverse works from Jewish musical

traditions to Pittsburgh audiences every spring.

Ottawa's Dina Namer is well known as both a piano soloist and chamber musician. She has performed and recorded a wide range of repertoire, from baroque harpsichord works to contemporary Canadian repertoire and has been heard more than 200 times on the CBC. Namer teaches piano performance at Queen's University in addition to running a busy private studio and performing in many local festivals.

This concert will feature explicitly Middle Eastern and Eastern European-themed repertoire, including exotic-flavoured melodies from three generations of Israeli composers.

The program will include familiar selections from Ernest Bloch's "Jewish Cycle" in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the American composer's death.

Tickets for the concert cost \$15 (adults)/\$10 (students/seniors) in advance and \$18/\$13 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the Temple Israel office or by calling Patsy Royer at 613-233-3099 or Nancy Bercovitch at 613-731-9278.

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Balloon creations, a big hit at last year's Yom Ha'Atzmaut party at the Civic Centre, return again April 29.

### Yom Ha'Atzmaut party to fill the Civic Centre April 29

By Pamela Rosenberg  
for Soloway JCC

Israeli music, food and fun will flood the Ottawa Civic Centre as the community celebrates Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's 61st anniversary, and Tel Aviv's centennial Wednesday, April 29, starting at 5:00 pm. Admission is free.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut – Israel's Independence Day – has gained a reputation as the biggest and best community party of the year and this year's celebration promises to be no exception.

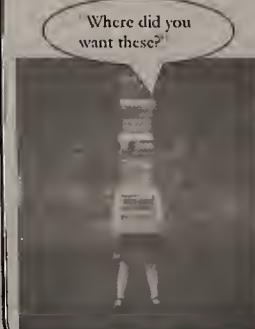
To mark the 100th anniversary of Tel Aviv's founding, Ottawa's Jewish schools are making posters to be displayed at the event and video footage will play throughout the evening showing pictures of the city over the last century.

Chairing the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration for the third year is Penny Torontow, who says she has a very special place in her heart for Israel as her father is Israeli, her sisters and brother live there, and she grew up with a heavy Israeli influence at home.

"It is especially important in times like these to show our appreciation and love for our homeland," says Torontow. "It's important that the Jewish community to show support for a country that means so much to so many of us."

The party includes the Mini Cirque Circus School's troupe, face painting, balloon creations for the kids and roaming entertainers, delicious eats from Creative Kosher Catering, Dizengoff Café Casino and, back by popular demand, Yosi Levy and the Sabras Band from California.

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## Rashi's Daughters author Maggie Anton to speak May 25

By Iris Beer

Emunah Women of Ottawa

Legend has it that Rashi's daughters were learned in a time when women were traditionally forbidden to study the sacred texts.

In the preface to *Rashi's Daughters, Book I: Joheved*, author Maggie Anton writes how most authors' prefaces state that all characters in their books are fictional and any resemblance to actual persons is purely coinciden-

tal. However, the characters in Anton's series of *Rashi's Daughters* books are, for the most part, actual persons who are vividly brought to life in her dramatic, historical novel.

Anton will be the guest speak-

er at this year's Family-in-Israel program co-sponsored by Emunah Women of Ottawa and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC).

At a time when most women were illiterate, Salomon ben Isaac, the great scholar who would become known as Rashi, embarked on a task unheard of in the Jewish community: teaching Talmud to his daughters. While Rashi is famous for his extensive Talmud commen-



Maggie Anton

## Ciechanover humbled by Nobel Prize

(Continued from page 5)

Ciechanover, whose Polish-born parents settled in Palestine in the 1920s, explained he agreed to go to Germany in the interest of fostering scientific co-operation and peace.

"I'm there to promote international collaboration. That's the way to prevent the next disaster and future holocausts."

Asked how the Nobel Prize has personally affected him, Ciechanover replied that it has humbled him profoundly.

"I'm humbled by the complexity of nature and by the fragility of life," said Ciechanover, who keeps his Nobel Prize in a bank vault. "I'm humbled by other people's talents."

He has been extremely busy travelling since winning the prize. "It's an overwhelming experience.

You get opportunities to see the world and Jewish communities in places like Ecuador and Paraguay."

He also sleeps much less, three hours rather than his usual six hours per night.

In a self-deprecating observation, he mused, "Nothing has changed. You're the same old fool."

When not travelling, lecturing or teaching, he continues his research. In awarding the Nobel Prize to Ciechanover and his two colleagues, the Nobel committee cited their discovery of "ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation," one of the cell's most important cyclical processes. Thanks to their research, it is now possible to understand, at a molecular level, how a cell controls a number of central processes in the body.

"It's an ever expanding field," he said. "The more we know, the more we're aware of what we don't know. It's really a growing field."

Ciechanover, who was born in 1947, considers himself a patriotic Israeli.

"I grew up with the country. I went to military service, like everyone else. I participated in two wars, in the Six Day War as an orderly and in the Yom Kippur War as a physician."

He is pleased that Technion, the University of Toronto and Mount Sinai Hospital have agreed to a student exchange.

George Fantus, the associate dean of research at the University of Toronto's faculty of medicine, disclosed that the program is expected to start in the summer of 2010.

Daughters books and her extensive research on 11th century French Jewish community life on Monday, May 25, 7:30 pm, at the SJCC. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$20.00. For more information, tickets and reservations, contact Rifka Kraus at 613-241-5613 or [leahfe1@yahoo.ca](mailto:leahfe1@yahoo.ca).

Anton will discuss the *Rashi's*

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## Zelikovitz Centre embarking on important Holocaust film project

By Jacqueline Shabsove  
Zelikovitz Centre  
for Jewish Studies

Carleton University's Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies is working on a unique film project aimed at preserving the stories of Holocaust survivors for school use.

Ottawa-area Holocaust survivors David Shentow and Anna Czajeznecky recently participated in the first stages of filming, and their honest and touching messages have had a strong impact on students at two Orleans-area high schools: Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Cairine Wilson.

Both Shentow and Czajeznecky have been active in going to schools and sharing their experiences with stu-



Rose and David Shentow after speaking to high school students about the Holocaust.

dents for a number of years. Their efforts, along with the stories of other survivors, provide students with an up-

close and realistic look into the horrors of the Holocaust. The Zelikovitz Centre and the Jewish Federation of O-

tawa are seeking to preserve the stories of Canadian Holocaust survivors as an educational tool, especially considering the dwindling number of Holocaust survivors worldwide and the growing presence of anti-Semitism. Filming will be taking place at schools across Canada to provide a diverse picture of survivors' stories and the reactions of the students who hear them.

The film project was initiated as a result of an idea of Les Breiner, a member of the Shoah (Holocaust) Committee of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa. His perception of the urgency of needing to capture the stories of survivors on film, and providing education to the next generation, prompted him to garner support from the Zelikovitz Centre, along with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa. The Federation has served as a strong collaborative partner with the Zelikovitz Centre for this project, providing the initial funding needed to get the project started.

Project co-ordinator for the film, Andrea Segal, emphasizes that the key distinguishing feature of the film is

that it not only focuses on the stories of the survivors, but also shows the responses of the students and teachers, and how they interact with the survivors. Follow-up interviews with both students and survivors show the immense impact that they have had upon each other.

Francine Zuckerman, a Gemini-nominated director, is directing the film. Once filming is complete, educational modules will be created to teach Grade 10 History students a variety of themes and topics associated with the Holocaust. The educational modules will be supported by academic materials developed by Carleton University faculty with expertise in Holocaust studies.

The film project is now fundraising in order to secure the resources needed to proceed. Time is of the essence, as it is vital to film as many of the remaining survivors as soon as possible.

A 20-minute promotional video showing part of David Shentow's talk at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School, and Anna Czajeznecky's talk at Cairine Wilson Secondary

School, has been developed. The clip also shows the reactions of students to the survivors' stories.

Visit [tinyurl.com/ch3cm3](http://tinyurl.com/ch3cm3) to see the clip.

The Zelikovitz Centre is pleased at the overwhelmingly positive response received from the Ottawa Jewish community for this important initiative.

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B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) has launched its annual Student Human Rights Awards competition. The national contest encourages students from Grades 1 through 12 to submit entries that creatively engage youth in seeking solutions to real and pressing human rights problems in Canada.

"There is no shortage of human rights issues that impact here at home," said Frank Dimant, BBC executive vice-president.



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We wish you many more years of good health, good friends and joy by Sonja and Ron Kesten, and Edith Spom

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### Obama family celebrates Passover at the White House

U.S. President Barack Obama hosted a Passover seder in the Old Family Dining Room of the White House April 9 with friends, White House employees and their families joining the Obama family.

Rabbi Levi Shemtov, director of the Washington office of American Friends of Lubavitch, said the fact that Obama hosted a seder was "very interesting and seems to be continuing a trend of an interest by the White House in things Jewish. The policy concerns and agenda of Jews have been on their radar for a while, but this marks a desire to familiarize themselves with the traditions of the Jewish people as well."

He added, "Anytime people can get a better understanding of why we do what we do, it's probably good for the Jews. Ignorance of Jewish practices historically led to unnecessary tension and even blood libels, specifically around the time of Passover."

"We've come a long way, chevra," Rabbi Shemtov said.

(Official White House photo: Pete Souza)

## Alternate Durban conference held

GENEVA (JTA) – An alternate Durban conference was held in Geneva.

The Geneva Summit for Human Rights, Tolerance and Democracy was held April 19, the day before the opening of a controversial United Nations-sponsored conference to review progress on combating racism and discrimination.

Organized by the monitoring organization UN Watch, in co-operation with more than a dozen other human rights organizations, the conference featured presentations from rights activists and political dissidents.

Opening the conference, Nazanin Afshin-Jam, an Iranian-born human rights activist and co-founder of Stop Child Executions, issued a broadside against the Islamic Republic and its president, who was scheduled to address the UN conference the next day.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei "do not represent the people of Iran," Afshin-Jam said, "but represent a regime of intolerance and the most brutal human rights violations one could imagine."

Canadian MP Irwin Cotler, a former minister of justice, opened a session on genocide by noting that it is "astonishing" that 60 years after the adoption of the UN genocide convention, such crimes still take place.

"These genocides occurred not simply because of the machinery of death, but because of a state-sanctioned incitement to genocide," Cotler said. "It was this teaching of contempt, this demonizing of the other, this is where it all begins."

Cotler said Ahmadinejad's Iran is an "epicenter" of such incitement, with its "toxic convergence" of anti-Semitism and threats against Israel.



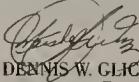
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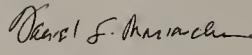
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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presides over his first cabinet meeting April 5 in Jerusalem.  
(Photo: Amos Ben Gershom GPO/BPH Images)

## Netanyahu convenes first Cabinet meeting

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu emphasized "unity, responsibility and work" at the start of his first Cabinet meeting on April 5.

Netanyahu, who was sworn in with his 29-member cabinet called his government "a genuine unity government. It was creat-

ed out of a sense of deep responsibility concerning the need to deal with the urgent security, economic and social challenges that Israel faces."

The government's diplomatic-security cabinet will complete the formulation of an Israeli policy to advance peace and security.

## YRHS production of *The Dybbuk* a hit

Yitzhak Rabin High School's production of S. Ansky's 1914 play, *The Dybbuk*, played to full houses at the school gym on April 1, 2 and 3.

The production marked the school's first entry into the Cappies, a competition for high

school theatrical productions, and *The Dybbuk* earned high marks from the Cappies critics in attendance.

The Cappies conclude with a gala June 7 at the National Arts Centre.

(Photos: Howard Sandler)



Leah (Taylor Siegel) ponders her upcoming marriage as the mysterious Messenger character looks on.



In the exorcism scene, Rabbi Azriel (Moe Romanow) stretches out his hands over Leah (Taylor Siegel) to drive the dybbuk out of her.

(Above and below) Channan (Ben Kershman) invokes Kabbalistic means to try to be with his beloved as Joshua (David Anzrouth) looks on.



Leah (Taylor Siegel) comforted by Frayda (Hadar Maoz) (left).



The cast gathers around Leah in the wedding scene.

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## Social roles, personal choices and what it means to be cool

My almost-five-year-old daughter isn't sure about Dr. Seuss these days. *Hop on Pop*, with its whimsical rhymes, has long been a favourite at our house. So has *Horton Hears a Who* – especially since she saw the movie version with her Babba Faye and again at our neighbourhood community centre's family movie night. But *Hooper Humperdink...? Not Him!* has confounded her moral sensibilities.

The 1976 book sees a young narrator planning a party. "I'll ask Alice, I'll ask Abe, I'll ask Bob and Bill and Babe." (The tale doubles as a reminder of the alphabet.) Why? *Hooper Humperdink* is not going to make the cut. Why? "Because *Humperdink's* party-pooper." (Spoiler alert: *Humperdink* ultimately makes it to the A-list – or H-list – and everyone parties lavishly ever after.)

We've been reading this book at bedtime for a couple of years now, but, recently, I have noticed a look of concern register on my daughter's face. For, while the party-pooper accusation seems at first blush a plausible justification for his exclusion, one still empathizes with the guy.

What gives me pause is thinking about what it means to be a party-pooper, a downer, or a killjoy. We know that prosocial behaviour generally entails exhibiting a positive, get-along-go-along attitude.

"This party sucks!" he might have said about an earlier gathering. "There's only babyish, pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey games. I wanna go home and play with my X-Box."

So maybe it was his negativity that kept him off the invite list.

But maybe his spoiler demeanor arose, instead, from his moral compass.

"This party's gotten out of hand: the kids have broken into the parents' liquor cabinet. I wanna go home and get out of harm's way."

Or perhaps he had been teased or bullied, and refused to submit to the humiliation.

The story provides an important opportunity for thinking about empathy and narratives. The protagonist tells us that *Humperdink* is a party-pooper. But we're not privy to how *Humperdink* experienced those previous social gatherings. The one-sided tale forces us to think a little harder about *Humperdink's* version.

When I was in high school – a leader by all institutional accounts – I stood apart from my peers when it came to drugs and alcohol. No doubt there were many parties I wasn't invited to once my friends learned that their adolescent experimenting made me uncomfortable. Surely, had I felt more secure than the average teenager, I would've been able to avoid projecting a judgmental demeanour at those parties. But such is the way I coped with my counter-rebelliousness. Why I chose a different path during high school is harder to discern since all of us, by all accounts, became kind-hearted, productive members of society. (And most of us have remained close friends, to boot.)

*Hooper Humperdink* is a concise and intriguing novel for what's left to our imagination. But it also provides a teachable moment for talking with our kids about social roles, personal choices and what it means to be cool – particularly in the context of seeking peer approval.

Coolness, of course, is an overused term originally referring to an I-don't-care quality, a lack of pretension or a natural self-assuredness. Think James Dean. Once the term

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caught on, though, it arguably took on a directive of conforming to those very standards that others had already set. This resulted in a perversion of the original concept, giving rise to often desperate attempts to ape the style, dress and behaviour of those around you. Out with individuality and in with the herd mentality.

When we're talking with our kids about peer pressure, their evolving identity and the importance of listening to their own moral compass, it's unlikely that we'll be able to redefine the essence of cool for them. (What parents think is cool usually has the opposite meaning for their kids – at least as they approach adolescence.) But we can remind them of the necessity of putting themselves in other people's shoes as they decide who merits their social attention.

Interestingly, *Horton Hears a Who*, penned over two decades earlier, is all about listening to others – even when they are nearly invisible to the naked eye. As that story showed, people who we don't immediately notice are no less worthy of our attention. They have stories and experiences that can enrich our own. More subtly, *Humperdink* reminds us that we should peel away the thin layer separating projected image from others' reality.

Reflecting on these childhood tales can help us understand how others have come to where they are, how to understand why they do what they do and how to build a sense of community where everyone feels valued and no one feels compromised.

### 54th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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#### BUSINESS AGENDA

##### Annual General Meeting

- Adoption of Annual General Meeting minutes – May 28, 2008
- Business Arising – from previous AGM, May 28, 2008
- Greetings from the Jewish Federation of Ottawa
- Approval of actions taken by the 2008/2009 Board
- Treasurer's Report – A. Freed

- Appointment of the Auditors 2009
- Appointment of the Signatories 2009/2010
- Approval of Revised By-laws – S. Mender
- Report of the Nominating Committee – I. Levitz
- Election of incoming Board 2009/2010

- Election of Officers 2009/2010
- Program – Award Winners 2008/2009 – I. Levitz
- Thank you to Long Service Staff – S. Schneiderman
- Medical Director's Report – Dr. D. Levine
- Report of the President – J. Miller
- Executive Director's Report – S. Schneiderman

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**FURTHER NOMINATIONS:** Additional nominations may be made by any member in good standing of the Corporation. Such nominations may be made at any time up to fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting, by mailing the same to the above address, attention: Ingrid Levitz. All such nominations must be in writing and signed by the nominee and by at least twenty (20) members in good standing of the Corporation.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** There will be proposed changes to the existing By-laws of the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged, otherwise known as the Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge at the 54th Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 27, 2009. To request a copy of the revised By-Law document or a copy of the 53rd AGM minutes, please call the Lodge at 613-728-3900 ext. 122.

**2008/2009 AWARD WINNERS:** Thelma Steinman Direct Service Award - Mervin Toole • Shalom Perel President's Award of Merit - Eric Weiner

*Refreshments to Follow*

# Berman prescribes *Tikkun Olam* for designers

**Do Good Design: How Design Can Change Our World**  
By David Berman  
Peachpit Press 2008  
Paperback  
192 pages

All day, every day, we are influenced by the work of designers such as native Ottawa David Berman. Most of the time, we are not even conscious of the fact that our thoughts, ideas and perceptions are being subtly manipulated by people hired to promote ideas or products.

Sound ominous? Scary? Depressing? It can be, but Berman has made it his life's work to use design for the common good, rather than evil, and his new book explains the *how* and *why* of his quest.

*Do Good Design: How Designers Can Change the World* is, according to the back cover, "a call to action: It alerts designers to the role they play in persuading global audiences to fulfil inventive needs. The book outlines a more sustainable approach to both the practice and the consumption of design."

Berman has been involved in graphic design and communications for more than 25 years. As a student at Gloucester High School, he created and produced a gaming magazine. During his university days at Carleton, he redesigned the student news-

## Book Review

Diane Koven

paper, the *Charlatan*. And throughout his varied and international professional career, Berman has used design in clever and innovative ways.

Perhaps drawing on his Jewish background, he has worked to influence fellow designers to use their skills in an ethical manner, to not only change the world, but repair it, as in *Tikkun Olam*.

Having worked for 15 years to establish a code of ethics that embraces social responsibility for graphic designers throughout Canada, Berman's draft code was ratified in 2000 by the Society of Graphic Designers of Canada.

Continuously working to improve and implement professional conduct rules and ethics in the field, Berman has served as the national Ethics Chair for graphic design in Canada since 2002.

But Canada is just the beginning, and Berman has been on the board of the world body for graphic design and visual communications for the past four years, having been elected in 2005 and re-elected in 2007.



Berman's book, though only 158 pages (plus appendix and notes) is chock-full of information.

The pages themselves are interesting, both for the information contained in the text and for the design and layout of the individual pages. Interspersed with text are photos, quotes and sidebars. The eye is drawn from side to side, top to bottom, back and forth.

The information is for professionals and "ordinary people" as well. Analyzing well-known logos and ads, Berman makes one really think about what we see, feel and think when looking at something – and why this is so.

One example Berman

gives is of a gasoline brand, Mohawk, which is popular in Western Canada. Beside a picture of the gasoline station sign, is written, "If you have been to Western Canada, you've likely seen signposts like this one for the Mohawk gasoline station so often that it probably wouldn't register with you as a caricature of an aboriginal."

"Would it be different if it proclaimed Jew Gasoline with a clever logo of an ultra-orthodox Jew in a tall black hat and curly sidelocks?"

Berman goes on to analyze and explain how the design, and others like it, works.

In the final chapter of his book, Berman issues a call to action to fellow design professionals. He asks them to take a three-part, *Do Good Pledge*, which includes, as number 3: "I will spend at least 10 per cent of my professional time helping repair the world."

There is so much more to learn about Berman's work and his passion for bringing ethics to the design world. To find out more about him and where to get the book, visit [davidberman.com/dogood](http://davidberman.com/dogood).

## McGill

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# IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR! • WALKATHON 2009

by Pamela Rosenberg

The Walkathon, a long-standing Ottawa Jewish community tradition, is taking on a non-traditional spin this year. Rather than having one person chair the event, the position will be shared by an entire family.

The Kershmans, Dr. John, wife Sabina Wasserlauf, their teenage sons Benjamin and Zachary and the matriarch of the family Sylvia Kershman, have all been active and committed members of the community throughout their lives. Now, they will work together bringing multigenerational appeal to the annual event taking place Sunday, June 7, 9:30 AM, rain or shine.

Each member of the family will be responsible for a different aspect of the Walkathon. John is attending meetings of the Walkathon board and Sabina will be involved with Hillel Academy getting students signed up. Benjamin and Zachary have teamed up with Adam Moscoe to recruit the Young Walkers, while Sylvia is busy with the Kavod Walkers, who will walk in memory of a loved one or in honour of someone who can't walk themselves.

"We have been involved in the Walkathon for a number of years. We have been walkers and participants since the kids were babies and we pushed them in strollers," says Dr. Kershman.

Patrice Berdowski, Membership Manager of the Soloway JCC, says that the Kershman family seemed like a natural fit to chair the event as they are all

involved in many facets of the Jewish community and have strong ties to Ottawa.

"We wanted to make it more family and community oriented this year and bring the Walkathon back to its roots," says Berdowski. "Having a family as chair will inspire other families to walk together. Our goal is to have the entire community participate."

Both Sabina Wasserlauf and John Kershman have been board members of Beth Shalom and she is on the board of directors of the Soloway JCC, Yitzhak Rabin High School and Torah Academy.

Benjamin is the Religious Education Director for his chapter of USY (United Synagogue Youth). He spends his summers at Camp Kadima, in Nova Scotia, and recently played the lead role in the Yitzhak Rabin High School play *The Dybbuk*. He says the Walkathon "is a good way for people to come out, support the Jewish community and raise money while doing something proactive with your family at a nice time of year."

"This event is important to me, because, as a member and frequent visitor of the Soloway JCC, I feel that it is my responsibility to raise funds for the programs that I so enjoy, says Zachary. "Whether this is through the Walkathon, or promoting programs, or volunteering at events run by the JCC, I am happy to help the community that is my family."

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The Kershman family celebrating Zachary's Bar Mitzvah (2007).

Sylvia Kershman is a life member of Machzikei Hadas Congregation and its Sisterhood. She has been active in the National Council of Jewish Women and ORT and is involved with the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society.

Born in Lowertown, Sylvia Kershman is an alumna of York Street Public School and a graduate of Lisgar Collegiate High School. She met her late husband Harry Kershman in 1948 and together they were active members in many local Jewish organizations.

The proud mother of John and Stanley, mother-in-law to Carol and Sabina, and glowing grandmother of Benjamin, Zachary, Kayla and Zev has been involved with local theatre, sports and dance and recently joined her son John centre stage for the Soloway JCC Purim Shpiel. When it comes to her role in chairing the walkathon, she says, with a chuckle, that she is "there to represent all those juniors who became seniors."

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<b>Ottawa Jewish Community Agencies</b>		
Aguadath Israel Synagogue	766	
Beth Shalom Congregation	8,119	
Beth Shalom Congregation-Sisterhood	114	
Beth Shalom West Congregation	171	
Camp B'nai Brith	10,253	
Camp Gesher	152	
Canada Israel Cultural Foundation	384	
Canadian Friends of Torah Academy	3,774	
Cheder Rambam School	20,202	
Gilbert Greenberg Education Fund	33,000	
George Joseph Cooper Scholarship Award	13,912	
Hillel Academy	67,023	
Hillel Lodge	90,610	
Hillel Lodge Ladies Auxiliary	242	
Hillel Ottawa	3,706	
Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa Inc.	19,038	
Jewish Community Cemetery-Holocaust Memorial	351	
Jewish Community of Ottawa Development Foundation*	18,512	
Jewish Education through Torah	2,607	
Jewish Family Services	68,093	
Jewish Federation of Ottawa	32,827	
Jewish Federation of Ottawa Annual Campaign	268,495	
Jewish Memorial Gardens	1,348	
Jewish National Fund	11,017	
Jewish Youth Library	4,800	
Kollel of Ottawa	186	
Kosher Food Bank c/o Agudath Israel Synagogue	7,582	
Machon Sarah High School	9,173	
Machzikei Hadas Congregation	9,242	
Na'Amat Ottawa	397	
Ottawa Chevra Kadisha	601	
Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO	1,924	
Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan	336	
Ottawa Jewish Archives	3,268	
Ottawa Jewish Cemeteries	18,497	
Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (PACE Subsidies)	15,442	
Ottawa Jewish Historical Society	7,014	
Ottawa Modern Jewish School	2,321	
Ottawa Post Jewish War Veterans of Canada	1436	
Ottawa Torah Center Chabad	640	
Ottawa Torah Institute	2,248	
Ottawa Vaad Hakashrut	337	
Shoah (Holocaust) Committee of Ottawa	2,788	
Soloway Jewish Community Centre	94,761	
Soloway Jewish Community Centre (AJA 50+)	6,704	
Star of David Hebrew School	1,586	
Talmud Torah Afternoon School	9,188	
Tamir Foundation	55,903	
Temple Israel Congregation	4,014	
Temple Israel Religious School	529	
Torah Academy of Ottawa	15,177	
Vered Israel Cultural Centre	9,028	
Yitzhak Rabin High School	19,433	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,079,271</b>	
<b>Jewish Agencies North America</b>		
Conservatory for Judaic Performing Arts	1,362	
Emunah Women of Canada – (Hamilton)	72	
Emunah Women of Canada – (Rachel Kizell Chapter)	519	
Imre Noam Congregation	697	
Jewish Alcoholics and Chemically Dependent Others	176	
Kollel Arachim of Toronto	100	
London Community Hebrew Day School	100	
Machon Tzvi Hersh	831	
Mazon Canada	50	
MIT Boston Hillel on Campus – Leventhal Centre for Jewish Life	100	
Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation - Montreal	59	
Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation of Toronto	232	
Nishma Societal Endeavour in Understanding Torah	37	
Oir Hachaim D'Tash Bois Briand	461	
ORT Canada	686	
Ruchama Fraidel Relief Organization	176	
Society for the Education of Russian Jews – SERJ	218	
Toronto Jewish Free Loan	88	
Yeshivat Or Chaim	441	
Zarenu	199	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,604</b>	
<b>Jewish Agencies in Israel, Ottawa and North America</b>		
Netzach Fund – Grants and Allocation (anonymous)	748,014	
Tzedek Fund – Grants and Allocations (anonymous)	10,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>758,014</b>	
<b>Israeli Institutions</b>		
Beit Halochem Canada/Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel (Canada)	640	
Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	1,650	
Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism	381	
re: Kehilat Netzach Israel in Ashkelon for needy children	73	
Canadian Friends of Alyn	2,754	
Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University	466	
Canadian Friends of Haifa University	4,304	
Canadian Friends of Hebrew University	432	
Canadian Friends of Jerusalem Blind Institute	832	
Canadian Friends of Laniado Hospital	366	
Canadian Friends of Ramat Shapira Israel	654	
Canadian Friends of Shaare Tzedek Hospital Foundation	2,603	
Canadian Friends of Technion University	3,043	
Canadian Friends of Weizmann Institute of Science	2,223	
Canadian Magen David Adom in Israel	131	
Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies	768	
Israel Cancer Research Fund	522	
Mizrahi Organization of Canada for Yeshiva Haye Olam	12,732	
United Israel Appeal Federations Canada	34,574	
<b>Allocated but not distributed</b>	<b>3,166</b>	
<b>Total to Jewish Causes</b>	<b>1,878,463</b>	
To Non-Sectarian Organizations	59,816	
<b>Total Grants to Organizations</b>	<b>1,941,445</b>	

\*Grants from the Jewish Community of Ottawa Development Foundation were allocated as follows:

Jewish Family Services	6,682
Vered Israel Cultural Centre	8,292
Hillel Lodge	53,386
Hillel Academy	24,422
Soloway JCC	24,422
Jewish Federation of Ottawa	1,308
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## Made with Love

Cindy Feingold

### Chickpea and Olive Salad

This very simple salad comes from Rachael Ray's show, *30 Minutes*, on the *Food Network*.

To vary this salad you could add crumbled feta, diced cucumbers and sweet bell peppers and red onion.

It's wonderful served with toasted flax seed pita bread.

1 (15 ounce) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed  
2 hearts romaine lettuce, chopped  
or 5 to 6 cups chopped bagged lettuce  
1/2 cup Spanish green olives with pimiento, drained  
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
Salt and pepper

Place drained chickpeas on a clean kitchen towel and pat well so that they are quite dry.

Place chickpeas in a small skillet and cook over medium heat until toasty, 12 to 15 minutes. Cool on a plate.

Place lettuce in bowl and top with chickpeas.

Place olives in food processor with vinegar. Turn processor on and stream in extra-virgin olive oil.

Dress salad and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

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## Get excited about salad again

### Spinach, Strawberry and Halloumi Salad

I first learned about halloumi cheese last summer when I watched Jamie Oliver prepare this salad on his TV show, *Jamie at Home*. Halloumi is a traditional cheese from Cyprus, an island in the Mediterranean Sea. It is made from a mixture of goat and sheep's milk, although some halloumi can be bought that also contains cow's milk.

Halloumi can be fried until brown without melting due to its higher-than-normal melting point. The resistance to melting comes from the fresh curd being heated before being shaped and placed in brine. When sliced and fried in a bit of olive oil, halloumi is a wonderful treat. It goes all crispy on the outside and soft and slightly chewy on the inside. It makes a great squeak when you chew it, sort of like fresh cheese curds. Fried halloumi cheese with strawberries, spinach and balsamic vinegar is an inspired flavour combination!

I have not yet found imported Halloumi cheese here in Ottawa, but President's Choice makes a very good domestic version (from cow's milk). They call their cheese *Halloum* and it can be found in most Loblaws stores.

1 pound strawberries  
2 tablespoons good quality balsamic vinegar  
Juice of half a lemon  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
Sea salt or kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
5 ounce box of baby spinach  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
8 fresh basil leaves  
8 ounces Halloum (or halloumi) cheese, sliced into 8 thin slices  
8 fresh basil leaves  
5 ounce box of baby spinach

Wash strawberries, dry and remove hulls. Slice berries into 1/4-inch thick slices. Place in a bowl. Drizzle berries with balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, olive oil and salt and pepper. Set aside to macerate for about 5 minutes.

Spread spinach leaves on a large platter. After strawberries have had a chance to release some of their juices, pour berries and juices over the spinach. Toss berries and spinach gently and set aside.

Preheat a large non-stick skillet to medium hot and add 2 tablespoons olive oil. Press a basil leaf into each slice of halloumi. Place the slices, leaf side down, in the frying pan and fry for a minute. Turn over carefully and fry for another minute until the halloumi is light golden and crisp. Place slices over the strawberries and spinach. Serve with extra balsamic vinegar and olive oil on the side for those who want more.

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## A graphic novel approach to the Holocaust

*Good-Bye Marianne: The Graphic Novel*

By Irene N. Watts

Illustrated by Kathryn E. Shoemaker

Tundra Books 2008

128 pages. Ages 8-11.

Although *Good-Bye Marianne: The Graphic Novel* is not the first children's book to portray the Holocaust in graphic form, it is the first I know of to redo a prize-winning novel, published by Tundra Books in 1998, as a graphic novel.

The obvious question is why?

Unfortunately, that question is not answered in the publicity supplied by the publisher.

My guess would be simply to reach more readers. Both reluctant readers who recoil at the thought of reading a whole book and readers who might relate better to the story's plot and emotional challenges if pictures are provided. But that means a major rewrite of the text as well as the addition of pictures.

This is exactly what author, playwright and Kindertransport child Irene N. Watts has done. In fact, she intends to continue doing that for all the novels in the trilogy she wrote – and which I reviewed – between 1999 and 2003 about Kindertransport children Marianne Kohn and Sophie Mandel.

The first book, *Good-Bye Marianne*, won both the Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction and the Isaac Friseh Wasser Memorial Award for Young Adult Fiction. As the name implies, it focuses on 11-year-old Marianne and her life in Nazi-dominated Berlin in the autumn of 1938. Sophie enters the picture when Marianne is on the Kindertransport train and is suddenly handed this much younger child to look after.

The other books, in order of appearance, are *Remember Me: A Search for Refuge in Wartime Britain* and *Finding Sophie*.

*Good-Bye Marianne: The Graphic Novel*, though a work of fiction, is based on the author's experiences as a Kindertransport child. It is written in short, simple sentences and depicts the hardships, worries and simple acts



## Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

of kindness that Jewish children experienced in Nazi Germany in the cold, chaotic fall days of 1938.

Expelled from school for being Jewish, unable to even sit on a bench in a park, not knowing who is a friend and who a Nazi informer, not knowing where her father is or if she'll ever see him again, Marianne does her best to be brave and invisible. But that comes at a considerable emotional cost.

Finally, Marianne finds a friend. He's a boy who is visiting his aunt, the Nazi informer who manages the apartment building where Marianne and her mother live.

Ernest seems like a real friend, so you can imagine the shock and despair when Marianne answers a knock on the door to find Ernest in a Hitler Youth uniform.

He claims his brothers take it much more seriously than he does. Can Marianne believe him or must she stay away from Ernest too?

Eventually, conditions get so bad that Marianne's mother, who has been volunteering at a Jewish orphanage, realizes she has to convince her daughter to leave on the first Kindertransport train out of Berlin.

The poignancy of separation from parents and the feelings of desperation on the train as the children are harassed by the conductors and soldiers are clearly captured in their faces and drooping bodies.

Personal details and memories, thoughts of the relevance of their situation to Purim and Passover, random acts of kindness contrasted with acts of brutality, these are the elements that make this book a winner.

Contemporary children can easily identify with Marianne and understand why parents were willing to send their children to strangers in Britain and why children old enough to understand agreed to go. Most of these children never saw their parents again.



By Irene N. Watts; illustrated by Kathryn E. Shoemaker

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Simple words, short sentences, effective, clear, detailed black and white pictures, all this should enable *Good-Bye Marianne: The Graphic Novel* to reach its intended audience. It's a welcome and unique Canadian addition to Holocaust remembrance.

## Relaxation therapy to the max

This is how I learned about the dangers of relaxation.

You may find it difficult to believe when you look at my picture, but I am a speech pathologist who used to work at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

At the time, I was six foot tall and 190 pounds, so I was not small even then. I remember sitting on the little children's chairs so that I could be at the same level as the kids and they would not have the impression of visiting a giant.

As a student, part of my training was in the techniques of relaxation therapy, especially for people who had vocal nodules or other voice problems. The idea was that everyone could sound smooth, relaxed and unstrained, sort of like Barry White.

This was a natural for me. I was so relaxed, my professors used to interrupt classes to make sure I was awake. So this relaxation business sounded really good when I heard about it.

Hey, this might work! So I had someone else use the technique on me and I felt like I was floating, even when I knew I was lying on a couch. Everything was quite pleasant except that I actually seemed to lose consciousness toward the end.

After learning how to produce a relaxed voice and to speak in deep, vibrant and mellifluous tones, I set out to try this therapy – as my student practice – on a patient.

Eureka! It worked and a woman who had growths on her vocal chords had them disappear after about eight therapy sessions with me. You cannot imagine how empowering it felt

when my therapy had a physical effect on someone. A little more concrete, it seemed to me, than teaching someone not to lisp.

I was determined to use this technique when I joined the Children's Hospital and tried it on one of the children, a hyperactive boy with vocal nodules. The air in the room was very warm and I felt very relaxed myself as I started the therapy. I turned off the lights in the room and turned on my quiet soothing voice, going through all the steps.

The next thing I knew, the receptionist was shaking me to tell me the therapy session was over. The boy I had been working with was over in the waiting room running around and reading comics while I was sitting in a comfortable chair in the quiet, warm dark, snoring with my head thrown back and a little drool dripping down from the corner of my mouth.

For some reason, the boy didn't take to relaxation therapy.

Well, I wasn't going to let a little setback like that stop me and tried the technique with another child who was very anxious. I did the mesmerizing talking, adjusted my breath to his, and then enjoined him to follow my slowing breath as I sat next to him. So it went for about two minutes.

"Now, how is that," I asked him in a low reassuring voice.

"Wow, that feels really good," he told me.

"Let's go further," I said. "Clench the muscles and let them go," I instructed him and moved through all the muscle groups.



## Humour me, please

Rubin Friedman

"What's that smell?" I asked.

"It felt so good," he said, "I went to the bathroom."

He'd had a bowel movement.

Well, there was a relaxed passive-aggressive. I should have been proud of the effect of my technique, but I never did do relaxation therapy after that, preferring anxious, anally retentive clients.

In the end, I put up a sign above my office and the therapy room. "Relax on your own time," it read.

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## MONDAYS & THURSDAYS

**Motorin' Munchkins**, sponsored by Ganon Preschool, for kids aged 5 and under. Parent/caregiver supervised playtime in gymnasium with equipment, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 280.

## TUESDAYS

**Israeli Folkdancing**, learn dances, have fun, no experience necessary. Hillel Academy, 31 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 pm. Info: 613-722-9323.

## FRIDAYS

**Shabbat Shalom**, sponsored by Ganon Preschool, learn about Shabbat through crafts, stories, games and songs. Drop-in pro-

gram for ages 5 and under. Parent/caregiver must accompany, 9:30 am. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 280.

## MONDAY, APRIL 27

**Yom Hazikaron Ceremony** marking Israel's National Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism, sponsored by the Vered Israel Cultural Centre and the Embassy of Israel, 7:30 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 243.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 28

**Community Lecture**, sponsored by Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, featuring Sharon Slovan from the university's Faculty of Law, 5:30 pm. For location and other info: 613-822-3150.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

**Flag-raising Ceremony**, sponsored by the Vered Israel Cultural Centre, 11:30 am. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 243.

**Yom Ha'Atzmaut** celebrating

Israel's 61st birthday, sponsored by the Vered Israel Cultural Centre and the SJCC. Lots of food and fun for the whole family, Ottawa Civic Centre, 5:00 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 225.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 30

**Shalom Ottawa**, our community program on Rogers 22, 6:00 pm (repeated May 2 at noon).

## SUNDAY, MAY 3

**Hillel Academy Annual Used Book Sale & Agudath Israel Gift Shop Inventory Clearance**: book donations being accepted at Hillel Academy or the Agudath Israel back door (ring bell). Event: Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldey Avenue, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Info: 613-828-7701.

**Books and Bagels: In the Image**, a novel by Dara Horn, will be reviewed by Randall Ware, CBC Radio's book reviewer, sponsored by Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 9:30 am.

Info: 613-594-4556.

**Woman's Day for Body and Soul**, sponsored by Jewish Education through Torah and Na'amat Ottawa. Stress-Proof your Life: Strategies for tranquil living in a chaotic world. Speaker: Psychologist Sarah Chana Radcliffe. The Spa Day Retreat, 26 Castlefront Road, Kanata, 11:00 am. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 247.

**Raise Your Kids without Raising Your Voice**, sponsored by Jewish Education through Torah and other Jewish agency co-sponsors. Psychologist Sarah Chana Radcliffe has written books on Jewish family life and emotional well-being, 7:00 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 247.

## MONDAY, MAY 4

**Lecture series with Dr. Henry Habib of Concordia University**, sponsored by the Vered Israel Cultural Centre. Topic: The Fragmentation of Leadership in the Middle East, 7:30 pm.

Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 243.

## THURSDAY, MAY 7

**The Kibbitz Club**, sponsored by Jewish Family Services and

**Congregation Beth Shalom**, seniors luncheon program and entertainment, 151 Chapel Street, 12:00 pm. Info: 613-789-3501, ext. 223.

# COMING SOON

## MONDAY, MAY 11

**A Portrait of Sam Borenstein**, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of Canada. Joyce Borenstein, daughter of Canada's foremost expressionist painter, will present the Academy-nominated and Genie-Award-winning film

book-signing with author Bill Brownstein, sponsored by McGill University Ottawa Alumni Branch. Nicholas Hoare Books, 419 Sussex Drive, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Info: 613-222-7260.

**Raise Your Kids without Raising Your Voice**, sponsored by Jewish Education through Torah and other Jewish agency co-sponsors. Psychologist Sarah Chana Radcliffe has written books on Jewish family life and emotional well-being, 7:00 pm. Info: 613-798-2411.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**  
**75th Anniversary Volunteer Awards Presentation**: the community is invited to attend this commemoration of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's 75th anniversary as it honours its volunteers, 7:00 pm.

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**  
**Schwartz's Hebrew Delicatessen: The Story**, Info: 613-798-4696, ext. 236.

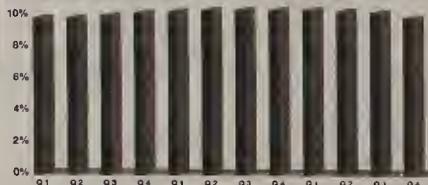
## CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE

May 1 ⚡ 7:50 pm  
May 8 ⚡ 7:59 pm

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

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